

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary**

Claims 5-8 and 15-17 were pending. Claims 5-8 were allowed and Claims 15-17 were rejected in the Office action. Claims 15-17 are cancelled without prejudice. The cancellation of Claims 15-17 leaves only allowed Claims 5-8 pending. As such the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

### **Inventorship**

A request to correct the inventorship in this application under 37 CFR § 1.48 (b) has been submitted, accompanying this response. The correction arises from the cancellation of certain claims in this application. The inventors are now Akiyuki Yoshisato and Kazuhiko Ueda. The Examiner is requested to make the appropriate changes in the application.

### **Information Disclosure Statement**

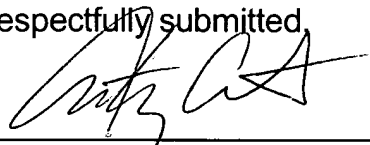
The present Office Action did not include an acknowledgement that the documents submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on June 24, 2004 have been considered in the examination of this application. A resubmission of the IDS was made on November 10, 2004. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references and so indicate on the form PTO 1449 to accompany the next Office Action.

**Conclusion**

Allowed claims 5-8 are pending.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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